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## Herbivores more stressed than carnivores; so were males compared to females, amongst zoo animals

# SPIRIT ANIMAL

### Lower levels of stress on Tuesdays

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To ensure welfare of animals at the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP), researchers analysed their stress levels. The results showed the animals are not just stressed, their stress levels are linked to the number of visitors to the park.

The study found the animals were the most stressed during weekends (Sundays and Fridays) with cortisol levels going up to 288 ng/dl (nanograms per decilitre) in some individuals. However, they were at their relaxed best on Tuesdays (week off), with cortisol levels as low as 192 ng/dl in some individuals.

**“Reducing the enclosure viewpoints will restrict visible exhibit area and is expected to give animals private space.**

— Dr Sunil Panwar, executive director, BBP

“Animal welfare is of increasing importance and absence of chronic stress is one of its prerequisites. When the animals are in captivity, their welfare becomes our duty. We conducted the study to understand the level of stress in captive animals so that it can be alleviated. We found out that the stress hormone levels are low in all the animals on Tuesdays compared to other days of the week,” said Dr Manjunatha V, research officer, BBP.

According to the experts, the front-line hormones in animals that help to overcome stressful situations are glucocorticoids and catecholamines. These hormones are determined as a parameter of adrenal activity, and henceforth stress. A high level of these hormones in animals implies they are stressed.

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Sewage, garbage, dead fish plague lake; residents ask why BBMP won’t use funds to save it

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### 01 Dance, dance, dance

There is wisdom and freedom that comes from pursuing an Indian classical art such as Kathak: mirroring its joy and abandon in one's personal experiences - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. At this Saturday's RS Connect, dancers Akruti Shah, Madhushree Kumar and Anusha Naresh from Nrityanidhi, a 17-year-old Kathak institute, will unveil the nuances of this Indian classical dance form, and the reflections of the art form on various aspects of life itself an hour-long lecture demonstration.
**Where: Ranga Shankara; When: May 14, 5.30 pm – 6.30 pm; Entry: Free, 080 2649 3982**

### 02 Managing medicines for adults

Silver Talkies, a lifestyle community for older citizens, aims at guiding people taking care of their older loved ones' physical and mental well-being. In this Ask Me Anything series session, Dr Naganath Narasimhan Prem, Chief Consultant Geriatric Medicine, Jaslok Hospital, Mumbai will speak about managing multiple medications in older adults and improving their quality of life.
**Where: Zoom; When: May 14, 4:30 pm**
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### 03 Deluxe Thali

Indiranagar SOCIAL is all set to host Deluxe Thali, a homegrown marketplace showcasing the best homegrown talents from the city including handpoke tattoo, piercings, and more. Some of the hottest upcoming brands and artists will be there to spoil you silly, along with music and fun workshops.
**Where: Indiranagar SOCIAL**
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# Brr! B'luru is shivering

## City temperatures are cooler than many hill stations in India; May has been a month of extreme temperatures

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Motorists try to bypass a huge tree that was uprooted near Ulsoor Lake on Friday evening

Bengaluru, thanks to its height, has always enjoyed a climate which is that of a hill station. While old-timers often claim its pleasant climate conditions have changed for the worse in recent times, May brought a sweet surprise to many as the city's weather became cooler than most hill stations in north India.

On Friday, the maximum temperature was 26.3 degree Celsius and on Thursday, the city recorded 23 degree Celsius. According to Bengaluru Weather's Twitter feed, other hill stations, on Thursday, recorded: 24.3 degree Celsius in Pahalgam, 24.8 in Mahabaleshwar, 25.1 in Mukteshwar, 26.4 in Kalimpong, 26.6 in Shimla and 28.8 in Srinagar. This shows the city's temperature was much lower than many popular hill stations though the temperature dip only lasted a few days.

On May 10, the temperature dipped to 24 degree Celsius. On May 13, it was a record drop as the city's temperature was 23 degree Celsius (this is said to be the second-lowest temperature in May in the history of Bengaluru).

Sadananda Adiga, Meteorologist, India Meteorological Department (IMD) said, "The dip in Bengaluru's temperature was due to the cyclone effect. Due to cloud cover, the temperature dipped drastically. The 23 degree Celsius recorded is the lowest temperature recorded in the city since 1972."

> **"Twenty-three was the lowest temperature recorded in B'luru since 1972**
> – Sadananda Adiga, India Meteorological Department

He said an upper air cyclonic circulation at a height of 3.1 kilometres on the Andhra Pradesh coast was also resulting in rainfall at most places in coastal Karnataka and a few places in north-interior Karnataka received good rainfall. Many districts will continue to receive good rainfall for the next two days, he said and added rainfall may pick pace on May 17 in many districts.

"The temperature has dropped drastically due to the cloudy weather. Rainfall may continue for the next few days in Bengaluru," he said.

While the southwest monsoon was advancing over the Andaman Sea, in the Indian monsoon region, initial rains are experienced over south Andaman Sea and the monsoon winds will advance north-westwards across Bay of Bengal.

In association with enhanced cross equatorial winds, conditions are becoming favourable for the advance of southwest monsoon into south Andaman Sea, Nicobar Islands and some parts of southeast Bay of Bengal, around May 15.

"The advance of the southwest monsoon over Indian mainland was marked by monsoon onset over Kerala and is an important indicator characterizing the transition to a rainy season. Southwest monsoon normally sets in over Kerala on June 1 with a standard deviation of about seven days," an IMD release stated.

Further, it said six predictors used in the models are minimum temperatures over Northwest India, pre-monsoon rainfall peak over south Peninsula, outgoing long wave radiation (OLR) over south China Sea, lower troposphere zonal wind over southeast Indian Ocean, upper troposphere zonal wind over the east equatorial Indian Ocean and outgoing long wave radiation (OLR) over the south-west Pacific region.

# A glimmer of hope for NK Layout site-owners

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For site-owners who dreamed of building their home sweet home on Nadaprabhu Kempegowda Layout, the plot of land came with its fair share of problems. Countless delays in construction work have made site-owners leave no stone unturned to get things moving. Now, the developmental work at the layout is expected to recommence shortly and Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) authorities have taken measures to appoint a third-party agency who will validate the work done by contractors.

Sources say a dispute between BDA and a third-party agency on the fees for validation and quality of developmental work has been sorted out, and things will now run smoothly.

"The third-party agency has collected documents from contractors. The validation work will go on even after the Legislative Committee on Petitions visits the layout on May 26," said BDA Commissioner Rajesh Gowda. BDA Chairman SR Vishwanath took a decision in February to name a third-party agency to prepare a report on the quality of work. It is said the decision was taken in accordance with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's instructions to resolve all issues related to the layout.

"BDA failed to complete the developmental work at the layout even after missing many deadlines. Only 40 per cent of work is completed. The Legislative Committee on Petitions directed BDA to make arrangements for inspection of the layout on May 26," said M Ashok, secretary, NadaPrabhu Kempegowda Layout (NPKL) Open Forum. Meanwhile, a member of the Legislative Committee on Appeals said BDA failed to provide basic infrastructure even after allotting sites six years ago. "The delay has caused inconvenience to allottees who want to construct homes. How do they construct buildings that lack basic infrastructure?" asked a member.

An allottee alleged BDA did not float a tender on the procurement portal inviting bidders for third-party validation nor issued advertisements but authorities allegedly assigned the work to Bureau Veritas, Bangalore.

According to Surya Kiran, spokesperson, NPKL Open Forum, the BDA Commissioner assured site allottees in February that the third-party audit would be completed in 15 days but BDA was yet to issue the work order to the agency even after three months.

"Contractors are yet to procure materials. It will take a couple of months for them to do so. And it will take more months for them to finish the work afterwards," he said.

# Flow of life in Kengeri

## Kengeri Lake gears up for makeover worth Rs 4 cr; project is outcome of citizens protesting for a decade

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Residents of Kengeri have a reason to cheer. After battling for a decade to get the lake rejuvenated, their efforts have finally borne fruit. If all goes according to plan, Kengeri Lake is set to get a facelift at an estimated cost of Rs 4 crore.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Lakes Division has floated a short-term tender on Thursday inviting bidders for the rejuvenation of the lake.

The last date for receiving the tenders is June 6.

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The lake is covered in weed and silt & is a breeding ground for mosquitoes

The water body was last developed in 2005 when it was under the State Forest Department. The department spent money to fence the lake and develop an island and walkways and later handed it over to Bangalore Development Authority.

However, like most stories go, the water body quickly became an eyesore not only for the residents but also for motorists and bus passengers who commute on Mysore Road to go towards Mysuru or come to Namma Bengaluru. The water body, filled with silt, weeds and sewage, became a breeding place for mosquitoes.

With the condition of the lake going from bad to worse, residents would organise protests demanding the authorities to allocate funds for the rejuvenation of the lake but in vain.

In 2012, Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation (BMRCL) came forward to rejuvenate Kengeri Lake under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative at an estimated cost of Rs 7 crore.

The BMRCL planned to develop the lake with all basic infrastructures in place but no work was taken up by it.

Residents of Kengeri are now hopeful and happy with the BBMP's decision. They want the authorities to rejuvenate the lake as early as possible since it has become tough for them to cope with the stench and mosquitoes.

"I hope the BBMP Lakes Division will honour its commitment to rejuvenating this lake which has been calling for attention for more than a decade. I want Kengeri Lake to regain its lost glory as early as possible," said Narasimha Murthy, a resident.

V Ramprasad, Co-founder of Friends of Lakes, described move to float tenders and call for bidders as a welcome step.

"However, the detailed project report (DPR) should be approved by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of Karnataka Lake Conservation and Development Authority (KLCDA) and the rejuvenation should be in accordance with the High Court order of NK Patil Report 2012," he said.

Meanwhile, a BBMP (Lakes) assistant executive engineer said the work would commence after completing the process to select the bidder. "The contractor has to remove silt from the lake, develop lake bund, construct a waste weir and fence the lake," said the assistant executive engineer.

However, Raghavendra B Pachhapur, a lake activist, said that Rs 4 crore would not be sufficient.

"I want the authorities to take a holistic approach for the project and clear encroachments before fencing the lake land," said Raghavendra.

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# Site-seeing: All you need to know about buying plot after retirement

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**Take stock of finances:** Be smart about your finances— take stock of it. In case you have already purchased a home, then by now, you should have cleared all payments for it. If you have invested in any of the retirement products such as Employees' Provident Fund (EPF), National Pension Scheme (NPS) or Public Provident Fund (PPF), then close to retirement, you need to decide how you'd park these funds and how much you can spare for an investment in real estate.Taking a land loan is not recommended unless you have a steady income stream even after you've retired.

**Plot it well:** If you have done your due diligence, you will have a fair grasp over the pros and cons of real estate investment at this phase of your life. If you have the risk appetite to buy property, then your best bet is to purchase a plot of land. The reason being—you can buy land without dipping into your savings.

**Go the distance:** Land is scarce and therefore, exorbitantly priced within the city. This means you'd have to scout for a plot that is located on the outskirts. Choose the site wisely.

**Profitable investment:** A plot of land works as a great long-term investment plan if you have the patience to wait till you sell it for a profit. Remember, we're talking about land as a lucrative investment and not for personal use such as building another house.

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# Infra push for Doddaballapur Road makes it a property hub

Travel time from Bengaluru to Doddaballapur is becoming lesser, thanks to a number of infrastructure projects. First, the four-lane work of Yelahanka-Doddaballapur slashed travel time. Now, integrated flyovers at Yelahanka will reduce the travel time further. Yelahanka is the junction where the Doddaballapur and Chikkaballapur roads fork out.

Chikkaballapur highway was developed earlier into a six-lane highway while Doddaballapur highway remained a two-laned one for a long time. However, the State Government took up the widening of Doddaballapur highway. Currently, Yelahanka-Doddaballapur highway is four-laned while the work on two-laning of Doddaballapur-Gauribidanur-Andhra Pradesh border is nearing completion. Thanks to the four-lane highway, travelling to Doddaballapur has become easier, hassle free, and a lot safer. This is the reason why many are buying properties in and around Doddaballapur highway so that they can easily move in and move out of their homes. As a result, now many are relocating to Doddaballapur road. With affordable plots on sale, many are buying land to construct their dream homes.

Yelahanka is the meeting point for Chikkaballapur and Doddaballapur roads. As the Kempegowda International Airport was located on Chikkaballapur road, a by-pass road was constructed to avoid Yelahanka traffic.

However, Doddaballapur road still had many hurdles. Now, these hurdles are slowly being removed.

First, it was the construction of a flyover over the railway underpass that eased the traffic. Now, BBMP is constructing an integrated flyover at Yelahanka.

> **"Thanks to the 4-lane highway, travelling to Doddaballapur has become easier, hassle free, and a lot safer. This is why many are buying property here**

This project consists of a 1.8-kilometre-long flyover from Yelahanka police station junction to Yelahanka new town's BWSSB junction at a cost of Rs 175 crore. Once the project is completed, it will be a relief to the vehicle users to skip the police station junction, Seshadripuram college junction and BWSSB junction.

Recently, BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath inspected the spot and instructed contractors to speed up the work with minimum inconvenience to road users. This project will greatly reduce the traffic congestion on Doddaballapur road.

Another important factor aiding the growth of the Doddaballapur highway is its proximity to international airport. This road helps the residents of Doddaballapur road to get to the airport smoothly.

As there are a number of interior roads towards the airport from Doddaballapur road, many prefer to stay here as reaching airport is a lot easier from here than other parts of the city.

Doddaballapur road is home to a number of professional colleges and international schools. There are a number of engineering, medical and other colleges in and around the area. Many students who studying in these colleges prefer to stay nearby as it is easier to get around. For parents who are worried about the education of their kids, there are a number of options in the form of schools ranging from budget schools to international ones. The biggest advantage of Doddaballapur road is affordable properties. Property buyers who have a low budget and those with high budget too can choose from a number of properties on sale. **– Prakash VL**

# Bengaluru develops a taste for luxurious villas

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More than a decade ago, Bengaluru was said to be a city with a perfect balance of a quaint atmosphere and modern infrastructure. However, this opinion changed as the city witnessed fast-paced urbanisation.

Niranjan Hiranandani, vice-chairman, NAREDCO, says, "Prospective homebuyers yearn for more open and flexible spaces in the post-pandemic world. As per the renewed demand of the homebuyers, developers in the Garden City are keeping pace with evolving homebuying trends to befit their 'new normal' lifestyle. Earlier, homebuyers preferred apartments over independent villas on price-point issues. But now, developers are redesigning their products, offering them at a suitable budget and at good locations, prioritising ease of connectivity.

Thus, the city is witnessing a rise in demand and parallel development of villas, independent homes in gated communities, which offer more liberty of open and flexi spaces, a predominant choice of homebuyers."

## Luxury market

The H2 2021 Anarock Consumer Sentiment survey states that Bengaluru is showing a penchant for exclusivity and opulence. The survey revealed that while a whopping 66 per cent of respondents still preferred apartments, independent plots were a distant second at 18 per cent. Followed by 14 per cent of the city's population aspiring to live in a villa by the end of 2022. The remaining two per cent of the population were more specific about their needs as they wanted both — exclusivity and the hassle-free advantages that come with a housing society. Thus, they opted to purchase entire floors in a building for themselves.

Santosh Burhani, a real estate consultant with over two decades of experience opines that luxury has had to up its game in Bengaluru, as developers, who are providing affordable homes in big or gated projects, have made amenities like clubhouse and pool obsolete. This has set the bar for the luxury segment, exceptionally high. He says, "The segment has seen innovation in design, sustainability and amenities that are otherwise available in high-end resorts or five-star hotels. A few of them have established a water supply system, making the property independent of the local municipality for their water needs. Under this water recycling system, the residents can independently sustain for as many as two to three years even if the municipality is unable to supply water. There are vehicles for the residents to drive around the property as it's just too big to walk and explore. This exclusivity comes at a price range of Rs 10 to Rs 30 crore and is the new avatar of luxury in Bengaluru."

## An exclusive deal

Hiranandani says that the city has seen an emerging sub-section in luxury, where the boundary of land owned around the home has been ever-expanding. Homebuyers in the gated and the villa luxury category want to live on a mini-island, he says. "The value of owning private homes has gained traction post Covid-19 wherein realisation of bigger, open, and green spaces has found new fondness. Such lifestyle-enhancing amenities are now being catered to in sprawling gated, villa developments to entice new-age homebuyers at an attractive price point and best locations. Exclusivity is a new flavor of homebuying that aids in augmenting health, wealth, and happiness quotients. Thus, Bengaluru is catching up on these popular segments to attract the right customers."

In fact, according to Anarock Group, the only city that outranked Bengaluru in the desire to own a villa was Hyderabad that clocked in at 19 per cent in the category, while prospective homebuyers in Mumbai, NCR and Pune have largely opted for the flat system by an overwhelming margin of 100, 78 and 81 percentages respectively. **— Times Property**

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# Haralur Lake looks drained, out of life

## Sewage, garbage, dead fish plague lake; residents ask why BBMP won't use funds to save it

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Haralur Lake, a threatened biodiversity habitat and a recreational site for 30,000 residents of ward 150, is in a deteriorating state. From sewage entering the lake to improper walking tracks, residents had a lot to complain about.

They said sewage being released into the lake is causing fish to die and causing a foul stench too. The lake is spread across 14 acres and the walking path covers about 1.75 km. A budget of Rs 1.5 crore for developing Haralur Lake was proposed to BBMP in 2019. However, the lakes department kept saying it didn't have adequate funds for the development and maintenance of the lake. Residents also complained about not holding ward committee meetings to discuss their issues.

Bengaluru NavaNirmana Party (BNP) said the civic body must take immediate action to clean up the lake.

So far, the BBMP has developed many outdoor parks in different zones. Among 1,348 parks, there are over 1,118 parks that have been developed while 230 are yet to see any development.

Recently BNP leaders organised an awareness drive to educate people regarding the importance and protection of the centuries-old Gottigere Lake. The party also raised concerns about encroachments in and around Pattandur Lake.

Every time there has been an episode of garbage flowing into the lakes or a lack of proper fencing or security or other basic facilities, citizens have crowdfunded the efforts to improve these public amenities.

Residents claim sewage flowing into lake is killing its fish, causing water body to stink

> **BBMP spends crores on projects related to development and maintenance of lakes. None of this can be seen on the ground. So, where is all the money going?**
>
> –Rupal Ralph, BNP

Concerned about the poor condition of the Harluru Lake, Bellandur ward member Vishnu Reddy said, "Bengaluru lakes are in dire need of care. Unscientific development projects and encroachment around the lake areas have eaten away a lot of natural water bodies in the city. It's surprising to see how 90 per cent of the city's lakes are on the verge of extinction. We had raised requests on BBMP's Sahaya app. But there has been no positive response from the department. If BBMP doesn't look into this immediately, the lake's condition is going to worsen further leading to hazardous consequences..."

BNP leader (Bellandur ward) Rupal Ralph said, "BBMP spends crores on projects related to development and maintenance of lakes. None of this can be seen on the ground. So, where is all the money going? Local politicians and corrupt officials use opportunities to make money through contracts in the name of lake development. In the absence of regular ward committee meetings, how do we bring up such issues and who do we complain to? Citizens paying money to the civic body in the form of taxes do not seem to be getting any life-saving progress in the city. There is no hope for the city, the city's natural resources and the residents."

# Chock-a-block traffic troubles

## Terrible congestion tortures commuters traveling from Agara Flyover towards Bellandur

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Terrible traffic jams trouble those travelling from Agara Flyover towards Bellandur on a daily basis. It takes 45 minutes to an hour to cover one kilometre on this dreaded stretch.

Due to the ongoing ORR line Metro work, the usable space for commuters along this stretch has shrunk considerably. This is causing severe congestions on the road. But commuters said the Metro work cannot become an excuse and Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) must manage traffic better. Some said, the traffic at Silk Board is not as troublesome as the jams on this stretch.

Avinash S, resident of HSR Layout, said walking would be a better option than driving along this stretch.

Further he said, "I noticed that police, even though present, are not carrying out efficient traffic management."

Commuters said despite a decrease in the number of motorists on road thanks to WFH, the road remains congested.

Shashi BK, a regular commuter, said: "The Metro work is going on, yes, but we don't see the traffic police managing traffic. Many fine people, yes... But it is essential to manage the traffic. It takes about an hour to cover a two-km stretch. Despite the fact that the number of people on the road has decreased... Vehicles are stuck in traffic jams."

Shashi has spoken to the traffic police and given them suggestions to reduce the congestion.

"Of those coming from Silk Board, some take a left towards Marathahalli while others turn right towards Sarjapur Road. This traffic must be bifurcated properly. Further, the entry and exit to the service road are at inappropriate points. They need to be checked upon and changed," he said.

Ram, another commuter, said, "Other than Metro works the major problem is the unscientific placement of the service road entry point right after the Sarjapur junction. One can notice huge traffic after the signal and exit at the very next exit point to merge with ORR."

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BBMP has dug the main road in two spots to construct an arch while the stretch is plagued with potholes and pits. The Palike must take up works on a priority basis.

# Dark & complex issue

**PWD's commercial complex in a shambles -- shop owners bereft of customers; library-goers without usable loo; ATM in the dark due to lack of streetlights**

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A commercial complex owned by the Public Works Department (PWD) occuping pride of place in the city is turning out to be a case study on how shopping complexes constructed by either PWD or Bengaluru Development Authority (BDA) face a life of neglect.

The commercial complex is aimed to cater to the needs of state government employees and people residing at Jeevan Bhima Nagar. There are hundreds of residential quarters on both sides of Jeevan Bhima Nagar Main Road. The commercial complex consists of 14 shops, including a State Bank of India branch and a Public Library. However, half of the shops remained shut due to lack of business and the remaining tenants are expected to vacate the shops in the near future.

"It is difficult for anyone to visit this commercial complex after 7 pm as the complex premises is pitch dark. We have been appealing to the PWD engineer to install one or two street lights but in vain. There is no footfall into my shop after 7 pm. I have to sit idle for two to three hours expecting customers," said A Alexander, who owns an automobile shop.

A tenant complains that she has been incurring a loss due to lack of amenities at this complex. "I have been continuing here as there is no other option for me. But how long can I continue incurring loss?" asks the tenant on the condition of anonymity.

It is believed that SBI is among the tenants who pay maximum rent to the PWD. It is said the SBI has been paying a rent of Rs 3 lakh per month to the PWD. Though the SBI has installed an ATM at the complex, many people do not like to visit the ATM at night due to lack of street lights and security guards. "I prefer to go to an ATM in a well-lit area to withdraw money rather than risking my life by visiting the ATM at this complex at night," said Venkataiah, a SBI customer.

Another disgusting issue at the complex is the defunct or choked toilets. Many residents visit the Public Library to read newspapers and books. Some of them are senior citizens. "I visit the library every day to read newspapers and books but could not stay for more than one or two hours as I am a diabetic and need to attend nature's call. The toilet is in a bad condition. The PWD engineer must not only install street lights but also repair the toilets," said Sreenivasa Reddy, a resident.

The tenants put the blame on the PWD engineer for wasting money on painting and fencing open space on the complex premises instead of installing the street lights and repairing the toilets. They said that many people visit the SBI branch during the weekdays and they face a lot of inconvenience due to lack of space for parking their vehicles. "There was no need to waste money on fencing the vacant space," said a tenant.

Meanwhile, PWD assistant engineer Girish said that some developmental works were taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 10 lakh a few months ago. "The vacant space was fenced to avoid unauthorised parking of vehicles. I will inform the electrical department about the lack of street lights on the complex premises. This complex may be handed over to Karnataka Rural Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) for further development and upgradation," said Girish.

When asked why Rs 10 lakh was spent on painting and fencing the vacant space if the PWD had decided to hand over the commercial complex to the KRDCL, he had no answer though.

PWD engineer (electrical) Manu Kumar said that he took charge 18 months ago but could not visit the commercial complex. "I am focusing on fixing electrical problems at PWD residential quarters. I visited the commercial complex only once in 18 months. I will take BBMP help to install street lights on the complex premises," said Manu Kumar.

(Clockwise) Fencing as part of developmental work taken up at an estimated cost of Rs 10 lakh at PWD complex ; water logging in front of SBI branch ; Quality of the painting work

**"This complex may be handed over to Karnataka Rural Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) for further development and upgradation**
–PWD assistant engineer Girish

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# Under the weather

Just days ago, I came across a feature on how tropical plants such as plantain and palm are thriving now in the United Kingdom — and nurseries there are overwhelmed by orders for tropical flora as shifting weather patterns rewire bio-networks.

Nevertheless, the west's 'morbid' curiosity for the tropics, that has awfully set us back here, shortchanged of resources and a just economic future for our peoples, is once again satisfied, growing bananas, so to speak.

The crucial question is, in the eerie summer chill that has descended upon the city and crazy weather elsewhere, well beyond the romanticisation of it all, how prepared are we to adapt to the immediate fallout of the climate emergency.

The west is surely shoring up for the gloom and doom ahead, while we are repeatedly told, as early as five years from now, the 1.5-degree heat threshold may be breached.

How to cushion the economic shockwave of nosediving big oil revenue (an almost impossible scenario now) provided oil and gas explorations wrap up, is one of the primary challenges in the transition to renewables. This is why the so-called greening of the economy is a double-edged sword; quite challenging for emerging nations such as India that seem to have no solid counter measure at the ready for what is coming, rather than just smoke and mirrors, pitting citizens against each other.

However, for now, a big oil-driven economic collapse is not likely. On the contrary, big oil is relentless, and preparing to spend '$387 million a day through 2030' in oil and gas exploration, according to a recent report.

The damning story by the Guardian on how oil and gas giants are planning the decade ahead without remorse or shame is telling as climate ambassadors hopelessly appeal that big oil rein in capital expenditure and leave the remaining fossil fuels underground.

The Russia-Ukraine conflict-triggered oil flux have firms counting their monies in brute greed. That is all that matters to big oil, beneath the facade of token greenwashing to satisfy CSR, PR and media, while the coffers are filled by conflict-fuelled economic uncertainty. Some of the big oil firms even believe this may insulate them against certain climate tragedies closing in.

That India is relatively less invested in fossil fuel explorations, as compared to these firms operating largely in the Middle East, Russia and the US, is a relief.

That said, it is time India had a climate resilience plan, especially for the vulnerable at the frontlines, while radically tweaking all future infrastructure to face up to extreme weather — alongside mainstreaming the talk on the lines of ecosystems-based adaptations (EbA). If the media talking heads steer the debate to this direction away from the constant hate-mongering, and stress on the importance of robust policy making around the climate crisis, it would hugely help India's post-covid economic recovery and trajectory.

Many observers are terming the economic collapse of neighbouring Sri Lanka one of the first collateral damages of the unravelling global debt crisis, worsened by the brewing conflict in southeastern Europe. So, sooner India readies to face the fallout of the climate crisis the better for the overall economic outlook.

Global Food Policy Report 2022 — Climate Change and Food Systems, released by the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) on May 12 stressed South Asia's groundwater problem: Groundwater depletion in the Indo-Gangetic aquifer at 2 cm per year is bound to stress agricultural productivity. In India, fossil fuel-driven groundwater irrigation is estimated to account for 8-11% of CHG emissions. Climate crisis can induce a fall in crop yield by 1.8 to 6.6% between years 2041-2060 and by 7.2 to 23.6% between 2061-2080, as per the report. The report further noted, in Indian districts with high climate vulnerability, there exists a 30-60% chance of children becoming anaemic, stunted, wasted or underweight. More than 80% Indians live in areas that are vulnerable to the climate crisis, according to reports.

Though we are not a seafaring nation, we are surrounded by colossal swathes of water on three sides and glaciers at risk of breaching ill-conceived hydroelectric dams up in the Himalayas — these are critical elements that regulate regional weather systems now manifesting as rising frequency of cyclones, heatwaves and other extreme weather events like the 2018 Kerala floods. Timely caution and preparedness could minimise damage caused by erratic weather, such as overflowing reservoirs in the coastal state.

Shoddy planning, or the lack of planning, in urban as well as rural spheres would only heighten the crisis where covid-19 has already taken a toll on livelihoods, in a nation now cornered by record unemployment and inflation.

With the climate emergency expected to cause a 2.4 to 4.4 degrees Celsius rise in temperatures in the subcontinent by 2100, it is crucial that India sets up a robust resilience framework now.

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# Ugly. Broken. Slippery.

## Kanaka Nagar road dug up, covered in shrubs and rocks; residents walk in fear daily

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What was once a well-paved road in Kanaka Nagar is now an eyesore and a potential cause for accidents for the residents of the area. The road was dug up for laying cable lines, and not fixed after the work was done. Residents complain that despite reaching out to the authorities for assistance on multiple occasions, nothing has been done so far.

Residents say BESCOM authorities had dug up Sultanpalya Main Road to lay underground cables. More than a month has passed, but no effort was made by the authorities to fill the holes. The residents also tried reaching out to them, but there was no response from them.

A resident, on the account of anonymity, said, "The road looks extremely shabby. While entering the lane, people can see the mess. There will be water coming out from the houses because of which, unwanted shrubs also grow on the sides. It spoils the entire look of the area."

Shekhar Rao, another resident, said that due to the unrepaired holes, the road had become quite dangerous. "If anyone walks without looking, they can easily fall and hurt themselves."

The problem was not authorities trying to install basic amenities, but them doing an incomplete job. Another resident said that while they did not mind them working, or simply doing their job but the issue was the lack of coordination between the government bodies.

"When one department finished the job there must be proper communication with the other body who is responsible for completing the next part of the job."

Another long-pending issue the residents are facing is the presence of an enormous transformer in front of their residence. Initially, it was placed in the main road; however, more than a year ago, it was shifted to the bylane.

Kishor M, a resident, said, "The transformer is right next to our house. There are often sparks emanating from the transformer and since I don't stay at home all the time, it is very dangerous. Any accident can happen at any time. The authorities should shift the transformer to a place which is empty and has no houses around."

**A transformer is placed next to the homes in the bylane; below: rocks and craters can cause accidents easily**

## DID YOU KNOW?

The St Mary's Basilica is located in the Archdiocese of Bangalore and is among the oldest churches in the city, and the first church in the state that has been elevated to the status of a minor basilica.

It is famous for festivities held during the St. Mary's Feast in the month of September each year. St Mary's Basilica had a humble beginning as a thatched hut in the 17th century, built by Tamil Christian migrants from Gingee. The Shrine was then known as 'Chapel of Kanikkai Madha' and was located in their village where rice was grown.

French MEP priest Jean-Antoine Dubois built a chapel with a thatched roof in 1803 at Bili Akki Palli, or colloquially Blackpally and offered Mass there. The structure was called Kaanike Mathe Devalaya, which in Kannada means 'Church of Our Lady of the Presentation'. That small prayer house is the location where the basilica currently stands.

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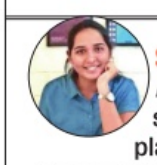
### What can authorities do to ensure homeless have better living conditions?

**Gopal Shastry, BM Reader**
Authorities should create well-designed, low-cost shelter homes with appropriate management in different parts of the city to house the homeless. This will clear the homeless occupying the pavements and unauthorised areas. At the same time, they should create training facilities in low-skilled jobs for such people to make a living.

**Deeksha Pradeep, Student**
Authorities can ensure that the homeless have better living places by donating some amount of money so that they can live their lives happily; government/authorities can provide them a small living quarter where they can stay, donate food like fruits and water.



**Simran Dua, Student**
Authorities can construct small shelter halls in public parks and playgrounds around and open them at nights for the homeless and people can fund blankets and food.

**KV Vaidyanthan**
**Executive Assistant**
Authorities should provide ready made houses to the homeless at an affordable price. They must also be protected by prevention of disease and promotion of health.

**Aditya Kamble, Student**
Homelessness is a complex and widespread problem and we must provide them with employment opportunities, better health and educational facilities. Affordable housing, employment opportunities and removing discrimination are good solutions for primary prevention.

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# Mysuru not rolling up its sleeves for booster dose

## Health workers urge people to come forward and get the precautionary dose of covid vaccine

With Covid cases under control, the health department is now finding it tough to encourage people to take up precautionary doses. Though the Centre has permitted those in the 18+ age group to take booster doses (after a gap of nine months), many are not coming forward on their own. In fact, health workers at hospital say that even people above 60 years of age who are eligible for the booster doses are staying away. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar held a meeting with hospital managements on Thursday asking them to take up measures to improve the booster dose coverage.

The lukewarm response to booster dose has been seen not just in Bengaluru but also in cities like Mysuru. There are 33 lakh eligible beneficiaries for booster dose in Mysuru district. Out of 3, 95,000 eligible beneficiaries in Mysuru Urban, only 18% have taken precautionary doses so far. The targeted beneficiaries in rural areas are 75,800 people and only 12% have opted booster doses so far. So, with dismal performance on the booster dose front, now ASHA workers and other health teams are back on the streets.

These health care workers are visiting every house to create awareness among the senior citizens to get the booster shots. The health team members say that as the covid cases are quite few, many don't want to get the precautionary dose. A senior health official from Mysuru district said, "During the first two waves, we saw that many senior citizens lost lives. Most of the senior citizens suffer from co morbidities like hypertension and diabetes. As they are the high risk group, we need to provide them the precautionary dose but not many are coming forward."

File photo of an accredited social health activist (ASHA) worker at a vaccination centre in a PHC in Mysuru. ASHA workers are having a tough time convincing people to get the booster dose

**"We have 21 lakh vaccines in 21 primary health centres in Mysuru City. As covid cases have dipped, people are not showing interest in getting vaccinated**
–Dr Jayanth, Health dept nodal officer

Health department's Nodal Officer from Mysuru Dr.Jayanth added, "We have 21 lakh vaccines in 21 primary health centres in Mysuru City. As the Covid-19 cases have dipped, people are not showing interest in getting vaccinated. If any organisation is willing to help in giving booster doses to senior citizens, then we will help them with our staff and vaccines. Now, we are looking forward to support from such organisations to create awareness."

Meanwhile, on the other hand, those who are planning to fly abroad have welcomed the Centre's proposal to reduce the gap between doses. K Kumar, a resident of Mysuru, who is planning to travel to Europe next week said, "Many countries now mandate booster dose certificates. However, I had to wait for a month more to become eligible. Now, the recent move will help people like me."

It may be recalled that the Centre had recently decided to reduce the gap between the second dose and booster dose of the covid-19 vaccine for persons travelling abroad to a minimum of 90 days. Earlier, the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (NTAGI) had recommended the administration of precautionary doses before nine months for those travelling abroad. **–Prakash VL**

# PSI exam scam: DySP arrested

A Deputy Superintendent of Police (SP) has been arrested in connection with the the Police Sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scandal in Karnataka which is currently being probed by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

With the arrest of Deputy SP Shantakumar, the number of arrests in the Recruitment Division of the police department have now gone up to five, CID sources said on Friday.

The sources explained that the Department is now gathering inputs on ADGP-ranked officers based on the information provided by the Shantakumar.

They also revealed that this will lead the investigations to top officers, bureaucrats and politicians involved in the scandal.

After the scandal surfaced and it was followed by the arrests of candidates and middlemen, while the role of Recruitment Division has come out in the open.

The government has transferred ADGP (Recruitment) Amrit Paul and DySP Shantakumar.

**Four accused officers have revealed the role of DySP Shantakumar in the scam. CID was looking for evidence against him**

The four accused officers have revealed the role of DySP Shantakumar in the scandal. CID was looking for evidence against him.

Investigations revealed that Shantakumar managed to work in the Recruitment Division for 13 years. It also came to light that he controlled the division with the support of senior officers, according to sources. There are serious allegations on Shantakumar that he contacted aspiring candidates for SI posts through middlemen. He received lakhs of rupees from them and shared it with top officers, sources said.

He directly helped candidates who forged OMR answer sheets and helped many candidates to get the job. The CID is investigating all these allegations.

Shantakumar joined the police department as a constable in 1996. In 2008, he became SI in the Recruitment Division and got promoted as an inspector. Whenever he was transferred to other departments, he managed to stay back using his contacts, say sources.

Finally, when he was transferred to the Internal Security Department (ISD), he worked there for a few months and again returned to the Recruitment Division, sources say.

The CID has lodged a complaint against 22 candidates for joining hands with accused in High Grounds police station has arrested 16 of them. The officers have launched a hunt for the other six candidates who are at large. **–IANS**

# SSLC results on May 19: Get answer sheets online

## Edn dept plans to put answer sheets online for easy access

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Results of the 2022 SSLC exams will be announced on May 19. Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh said, "We will announce the results by Saturday next. More details will be given soon."

This was the first full-fledged offline exams since the covid pandemic as last year it was only a two-paper exam and all students were passed (except one). This year, with the old format returning, all eyes will be on the pass percentage though the Minister has hinted that 10 grace marks would be given in select subjects.

The next big challenge usually for students is procuring the answer scripts. Many students who are not happy with their score card, apply for photo copies of the answer scripts before applying for revaluation or retotalling. However, this could take weeks.

But now, the education department plans to provide the photo copies within a few days of the application being filed. There are plans to publish the answer scripts on its website. Officials said they were planning to create a login id for the students. The students desiring to get the answer scripts need to apply and then log on to the page by entering their mobile number and then an OTP will be generated which must be entered. An official said, "Earlier, a student's answer script would be photo copied and then sent via post. This would take a lot of time. Then, the process of email was introduced a few years ago. However, this posed a different challenge as many students were giving wrong email ids and the mails were bouncing."

Authorities had set up health desk at the SSLC exam centres in Mysuru

The officials said even so, students would take officials to task for non-delivery of answer scripts. "Now, the system has been improved and students can get it with a click of mouse. The officials will upload the details and students can easily download it." A senior official from the Karnataka Secondary Education Examination Board (KSEEB) said that the new system was introduced to simplify the process and ensure students are at ease.

Students have welcomed the move and happy that the process will become hassle-free. "SSLC exams are the threshold exams and every mark counts. Once the results are out, we are usually anxious and curious to know how our papers are evaluated. If students can get a chance to go through their papers at the earliest, then all our doubts will be cleared," said Naveen S, who is waiting for his SSLC results. Shameena R, also an SSLC student, added that she hopes that the system is hassle free and helps them to download the answer scripts without any technical glitches.

# How stressed are zoo animals

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The concentration of these hormones can be measured in various body fluids or excreta. However, fecal samples offer the advantage that they can be easily collected and measured without harming the animals.

"We wanted to quantify the fecal cortisol levels to know the levels of stress in animals during different periods of the month. We collected fresh fecal samples during different time intervals, seasons and analysed the samples using the enzyme immunoassays (EIA/ ELISA) method," Dr Manjunatha told BM.

Results showed the animals have comparatively lower levels of stress hormones on Tuesdays. The stress hormones varied among males, females and calves of the same species. While the males were found to be more stressed, females appeared to be least hassled. Moreover, carnivores turned out to be less stressed in comparison to herbivores. The two-week-long study was carried out on zebras, tigers, lion-tailed macaques and giraffes.

"These are ecologically important animals that are main attractions at the zoo. Moreover, we wanted to have both herbivores and carnivores represented in our study. Herbivores had higher levels of stress hormones as they are the prey population in the wild. However, carnivores are at the top of the food chain, and this implies they have one less aspect to be wary of. This distinction is evolutionary," added Dr manjunath.

## Alleviating stress level

Based on the findings of the study, BBP authorities have come up with certain measures to enrich the animal enclosures to alleviate stress levels. One of the ways is by minimising the visitors' viewpoint.

"We have reduced the area of the viewpoint of many enclosures. For instance, earlier the zebra enclosure had a 360-degree viewpoint. The visitors could go all around the perimeter of the enclosure. Now, only 30% of the perimeter is accessible. Similarly, the L-shaped visibility to the lions' enclosure has now been reduced to one side. Reducing the enclosure viewpoints will restrict visible exhibit area and is expected to give these animals private space," said Dr Sunil Panwar, chief conservator of forest and executive director, BBP.

Animals are also getting food items that contain nutrients to help reduce their stress levels.

"As the food regime is different for herbivores and carnivores, so is the way to reduce the stress level through food items. While zebras like to chew on alfalfa hay, for lions and tigers, we are using a different tactic. We freeze the meat pieces and give them during the summer," Dr Manjunatha explained.

BBP has also appointed officers to talk to the visitors and educate them on how to go about viewing the animals without causing stress to them. According to the officials, the impact of these measures will be assessed with another stress hormones study in the coming months.

# Acid attack accused nabbed; was in guise of seer in Tiruvannamalai

The accused in the Bengaluru acid attack case has finally been arrested by police. The accused has been identified as Nagesh. He was absconding since the acid attack two weeks back. Police arrested Nagesh from Tiruvannamalai district of Tamil Nadu.

Initial reports suggest that the accused was taking shelter in an ashram dressed as a swamiji.

The accused perpetrated the shocking acid attack on a working woman in Bengaluru on April 28. Bengaluru Police, who were under pressure to arrest the accused, had formed seven special teams to nab the attacker. **–TimesNow**

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# Indian Embassy to resume ops in Kyiv

## Will move back from Poland on May 17; MEA says it will reassess situation in light of any further developments

**#Kyiv**

The Indian Embassy in Ukraine, which was temporarily operating out of Poland, would resume its operation in Kyiv from May 17.

"The Indian Embassy in Ukraine, which was temporarily operating out of Warsaw (Poland), would be resuming its operation in Kyiv w.e.f. 17 May 2022," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement.

The Embassy was temporarily relocated to Warsaw on March 13 due to the deteriorating security situation in the wake of the Ukraine conflict. While conveying the decision to temporarily relocate the embassy to Poland, MEA had said the situation will be reassessed in the light of further developments. "In view of the rapidly deteriorating security situation in Ukraine, including attacks in the western parts of the country, it has been decided that the Indian Embassy in Ukraine will be temporarily relocated to Poland," the MEA had said.

Russia started its military operation in Ukraine in the last week of February this year which resulted in a large-scale humanitarian situation. Under operation Ganga, India had facilitated the safe return of 22,500 Indian nationals, most of them students, studying in various universities in Ukraine. India on Thursday reiterated its stand for diplomacy amid the Ukraine conflict and said humanitarian measures should not be politicized at a time when the impact of the situation on the education of children has been severe. Addressing the UNSC briefing on Ukraine, India's Deputy Permanent Representative Ambassador R Ravindra also said the food security challenges emanating from the conflict require India to respond by going beyond the constraints.

File photo of a territorial defence man posing next to cars destroyed during the Russian occupation in Irpin, on the outskirts of Kyiv

### Education matters

On education of students, Ravindra said the impact of the situation on the education of children has been severe.

"We are exploring options to minimise the impact on our students' education. We appreciate the relaxations made by the Ukrainian Government for this academic year in respect of medical students," Ravindra said. **– Agencies**

# Second half of monsoon may see erratic rain

**#Mumbai**

Conflicting atmospheric conditions in the Pacific Ocean and the Indian Ocean could lead to a normal to above normal rainfall during the first half of the monsoon season and augur well for sowing. However, the second half of the season may get volatile rains affecting irrigation, said experts.

"There could be a battle between La Nina and IOD (Indian Ocean Dipole), resulting in normal monsoon during the first two months but rainfalls could waver or become volatile during the second half of monsoon," said GP Sharma, president-meteorology and climate change at Skymet, a private weather forecasting agency.

According to the latest update from the Bureau of Meteorology, Australia's national weather, climate and water agency, oceanic and atmospheric phenomenon in the Pacific Ocean La Nina, which is an indicator of the monsoon, remains active in the tropical Pacific Ocean.

However, IOD is currently neutral and could turn negative by August, the Bureau said. IOD is an irregular oscillation of sea surface temperatures in which the western Indian Ocean becomes alternately warmer and then colder than the eastern part of the ocean.

"More than 60% of the times La Nina conditions are favourable for the Indian monsoon. However, the Indian Dipole and their combination create some uncertainty. So they have to be seen in combination," said AK Mitra, director, National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting.

The Australian weather forecast is an important factor taken into account while predicting the monsoon in India. Monsoon rain this year will be normal and well distributed across the country, the Indian Meteorological Department had said last month.

Experts said that the monsoon pattern this year is favourable for sowing. However, farmers may face difficulty during the second half of the year in the rain-fed areas like Maharashtra, parts of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Odisha. **– Shambhavi Anand, ET**

A child takes cover from the rain in Nadia on Friday

# 4 killed as bus carrying pilgrims catches fire

**#Katra**

Four people were killed and 20 others injured when a passenger bus caught fire in Katra area of Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Friday, officials said. According to the officials, the bus, on its way to Jammu from Katra, caught fire near Nomai, about 3 kilometers from Katra.

Katra is the base camp for the pilgrims visiting Vaishno Devi shrine. The injured have been hospitalized, they said. Confirming the deaths, Additional Director General (ADG) of Police, Jammu zone, Mukesh Singh said initial probe does not point to use of any explosive. A forensic team is looking into the cause of fire. Further details are awaited. **– PTI**

Forensic team collecting samples from a bus that caught fire, in Jammu on Friday.

# ISRO successfully tests rocket booster for Gaganyaan

**#Bengaluru**

The Indian Space Research Organisation on Friday successfully completed the static test of a human-rated solid rocket booster (HS200) for the Gaganyaan programme at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh.

The HS200 is the human-rated version of the S200 rocket booster of satellite launch vehicle GSLV Mk III, popularly known as LVM3, the Bengaluru-headquartered space agency noted in a statement.

"The completion of this test marks a major milestone for the prestigious human space flight mission of ISRO, the Gaganyaan, as the first stage of the launch vehicle is tested for its performance for the full duration," it said. The event was witnessed by ISRO Chairman and Secretary in the Department of Space, S Somanath, and Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) S Unnikrishnan Nair along with other ISRO scientists.

The design and development of the HS200 booster were completed at VSSC, Thiruvananthapuram.**–PTI**

# Elon Musk puts Twitter deal 'temporarily on hold'

**#Detroit**

Elon Musk said Friday that his plan to buy Twitter is "temporarily on hold" as he tries to pinpoint the exact number of spam and fake accounts on the social media platform, another twist amid signs of turmoil over the proposed USD 44 billion acquisition.

Musk has been vocal about his desire to clean up Twitter's problem with "spam bots" that mimic real people and appeared to question whether the company was underreporting them.

"Twitter deal temporarily on hold pending details supporting calculation that spam/fake accounts do indeed represent less than 5% of users," Musk said, indicating he's skeptical that the number of inauthentic accounts is that low.

It wasn't clear whether the issue could scuttle the deal. Musk later tweeted that he's "still committed to acquisition."

Neither Twitter nor Musk responded Friday to requests for comment.

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The problem of fake accounts on Twitter is not a secret.

In its quarterly filing with the SEC, even Twitter doubted that its count of bot accounts was correct, conceding that the estimate may be low. "In making this determination, we applied significant judgment, so our estimation of false or spam accounts may not accurately represent the actual number of such accounts, and the actual number of false or spam accounts could be higher than we have estimated," the filing says.

A review of Twitter filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission shows that the estimate of spam bot accounts and similar language expressing doubts about it have been in Twitter's quarterly and annual reports for at least two years, well before Musk made his offer and it would have been known to him and his advisors.

Sara Silver, a professor of business journalism and financial communication at Quinnipiac University, said it appears Musk is using the number of spam accounts as a pretext to back out of the deal as it's something he's well aware of. **– AP**

**HEALTH TIP:** Excluding sugary drinks, alcohol and packaged food will limit the calories in your food

Lycopene, a chemical found in tomatoes and fruit such as guava and watermelon, has the power to inhibit several types of cancer

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# Don't use a green thumb to go squish-squash

## Is it time to reject pest status of invertebrates and advocate planet friendly gardening?

Before you squash or poison the next slug or snail you see in your garden, consider this: The British Royal Horticultural Society no longer classifies these gastropods as pests. Why on earth would a leading gardening organisation do that, you might wonder. After all, slugs and snails are usually seen as a problem, given their eagerness to devour the plants you've lovingly nurtured.

The issue is that they are part of nature. Slugs and snails play a key role in healthy ecosystems, acting to break down organic material as well as providing a source of food for lizards, frogs and many others.

So can we learn to live with slugs and snails? Yes, if we reframe how we see these invertebrates. After all, the definition of "pest" is based on our perception and can change over time. By rejecting the "pest" status of many invertebrates and advocating planet friendly gardening, the horticultural society directly connects the local actions of gardeners to our global biodiversity crisis.

Their principal entomologist, Andrew Salisbury, has argued that "now is the time to gracefully accept, even actively encourage, more of this life into our gardens".

This doesn't have to mean letting them destroy your lettuces. Nature can help. Enticing lizards, frogs and birds to your garden can help control slugs and snails and boost biodiversity.

### Are these 'pests' actually legitimate garden inhabitants?

Gardening increased in popularity during the pandemic. With widespread rainy weather, gardeners are more likely to see – and potentially be annoyed by – slugs and snails.

So should gardeners everywhere follow the UK's example? Should we try to welcome all species into the garden?

Responses to these questions typically describe slugs and snails as "pests", invoke the idea of a native/non-native species divide or describe the perceived damage done by invasive species.

Let's tackle the pest argument first. We define pests based on perception. That means what we think of as a pest can change. The garden snail is a good example. Many gardeners consider them a pest, but they are cherished by snail farmers who breed them for human consumption.

By contrast, many scientists consider the concept of an invasive species to be less subjective. In some countries they are defined as species outside their normal distribution (often representing them as non-native) which "threaten valued environmental, agricultural or other social resources by the damage it causes". Even this definition, however, is a little rubbery.

In recent decades, researchers in the humanities, social sciences and some natural sciences have shown our ideas of nativeness and invasiveness also undergo change. Is the dingo a native animal, for instance, after being introduced thousands of years ago? Would it still be considered a native if it was introduced to Tasmania where it does not occur?

Despite these questions over their worth, the ideas of "pest" and "invasive species" have proven remarkably persistent in ecological management.

What exactly are the slugs and snails we find in our gardens? Many countries have a huge diversity of land snails, with many species yet to be described.

Many species are in decline, however, due to introduced predators and loss of habitat, and now require conservation efforts.

Does that include our gardens? Well, most snails and slugs found in gardens are considered non-native species which were introduced accidentally. The ability of snails to spread far and wide means these humble gastropods are listed on some countries' official list of priority pests. These countries also have biosecurity measures in place to avoid unwanted introduction of new snail species.

The common garden snail, which hails from the Mediterranean, has now spread to many countries across states. But other species are still spreading, such as the Asian tramp snail on the east coast or the green snail.

So if we accept the existence of all kinds of snails and slugs in the garden, we could be undermining efforts to detect and control some of these species.

While slugs and snails don't usually seriously threaten our home gardens, some species are known agricultural pests. The common garden snail can cause major damage to citrus fruit and young trees, while slugs such as the leopard slug or the grey field slug can devastate fields of seedlings. The damage they can do means farmers and their peak bodies would feel uneasy about changing how we think of these land molluscs.

Some snails can also carry dangerous parasites like the rat lungworm or the trematode worm Brachylaima cribbi. These can hurt us, particularly if a snail is accidentally eaten, or if vegetables in the garden are contaminated. If we let snails move around unhindered, we could increase the number of infections. Pets and children are the most at risk.

### So should we follow the UK's example?

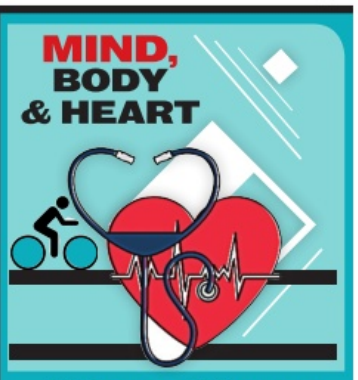
It is not straightforward to rethink how we view and respond to creatures typically considered pests in the garden. But it is worthwhile thinking this through, as it requires appreciating how humans and nonhumans are interdependent. And we can gain a better understanding of how our simple actions in our gardens can scale up to affect human and planetary health and well-being.

The world's ongoing loss of biodiversity and the steadily changing climate must inform how we relate to and care for the nonhuman life – from mycelium in the soil to gastropods – that enliven our gardens.

This does not mean everything must have an equal opportunity to flourish. But it does require us to pay attention. To observe, to wonder and to be curious about our entangled lives. This kind of attention could help us take a more ethical approach to the everyday life and death decisions we make in our patch.

What does that look like? By understanding gardens as interconnected natural and cultural spaces, we can work to limit our resident slug and snail population and promote biodiversity. A perfect way to start is to design a lizard, frog and bird friendly site.

*(The Conversation via PTI)*



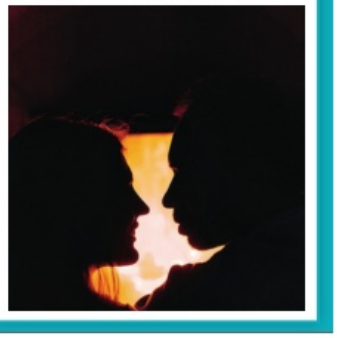

## All problems solved

*Dear Coleen*

**I'm in my 30s and have been with my wife for eight years. We've had two kids in that time and family life is good.**
**She's my best friend and I love her, but the problem is, she hardly ever wants to have sex.**
**I have a high sex drive and she doesn't, so it's always on her terms and when she wants to do it. More often than not she doesn't want to because she's tired or blames the kids. Everything else in our relationship is good, but I don't think we'll last long term if this can't be worked out.**
**Can you offer any advice?**

**COLEEN SAYS**

I think you need to have a proper conversation about it away from the bedroom and explain how you feel – that it's not just about sex itself, but feeling close and intimate and protecting the bond you have as a couple.
Once sex becomes an issue it becomes very unsexy, and if she's feeling pressured and that you don't understand her, then she'll start to resent you.
Try taking the focus off sex and think about making her feel attractive, desired and cherished. She needs to feel that you want to make love to her because you love her and want her, and it's not just pure sex.
If you're together for the long haul, most people's sex lives have peaks and troughs, depending on what else is going on in life.
And when you hit a trough, you have to talk honestly and listen to your partner, and find a way to work through it together.
Good luck.
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror



# A Sunny fanverse

## Actor Sunny Leone launches product combining NFTs, AI and more

Actor Sunny Leone turned 41 on Friday and to treat herself and her fans she has joined hands with HeyHey, an online celeb-engagement platform, as a technology partner for her first-of-its-kind product combining NFTs, AI, fan verse, and more. On her birthday, Sunny will launch the 'I Dream of Sunny' fan verse owned by Suncity media and Enterprises.

'I Dream of Sunny' is a never-seen-before product that combines NFTs, Artificial Intelligence (AI), fan verse, gaming, lucky draw, winning combination and other similar terms - all rolled into one and minted on the polygon network.

Talking about the new venture, Sunny said, "I wanted to mark my birthday by launching something which is unique and something which hasn't been done before. I decided to enter the world of NFT through Utilities and gaming because I felt this would help me maintain my connection with my fans better while giving them a unique and fun game at the same time.

In order to be a part of this unique offering from the actor, it is important to purchase NFT cards first, made available on the 'I Dream of Sunny' website from May 13 onwards.

Buying these utility NFTs gives access to the actress' private discord server.

She added: "The concept of a fan verse appealed to me the most and that's how my team and I decided to create this world where people could connect with me through the game. I am looking forward to my fans obtaining NFT cards and taking part in the weekly game that will be conducted on my private discord server. I will be announcing it on my Instagram handle and other platforms as well weekly." —ETimes

# No gender bender here

Kangana Ranaut said one must stop attaching the 'women-oriented' tag to films headlined by female actors. The actor was speaking at the trailer launch of her upcoming spy thriller 'Dhaakad.

"I think we must do away with this idea (women-oriented or male-oriented) films. We shouldn't view any film in this manner. We should look at a film just as a film. We shouldn't attach sexuality (gender) to it. We, women, have contributed so much to so many films. Since all the credit is given to men, we have faced the damage because of that," Kangana told reporters.

Directed by Razneesh 'Razy' Ghai, 'Dhaakad' deals with the subject of child trafficking and the exploitation of women. It also stars Arjun Rampal and Divya Dutta. "This differentiation that we have started doing... women-oriented, male-oriented films... I think the day we stop doing this demarcation, normalcy will follow," added Divya. PTI

# Pratik on the tug-o-war between fear and love

Actor Pratik Gandhi says his segment in "Modern Love Mumbai" is a sincere exploration of relationships and the many facets of love.

Gandhi reunites with his "Scam 1992" director Hansal Mehta for the short "Baai" in the Mumbai chapter of the beloved US original anthology series "Modern Love". The film features Gandhi as a gay man Manzu, torn between the love for his partner and his ailing and ever doting grandmother, Baai.

Mehta's story, co-written by Ankur Pathak, follows Manzu's journey of coming out, shedding inhibitions and finding acceptance.

In an interview with PTI, the actor said he was moved by "Baai" when he read its first draft as the film tackles the tug of war between love and fear.

"The film was meant to be sensitive and real. What truly worked for me was that there is no pretence, we are not taking any cover to portray this story--which is of love. It is the fight between fear and love. "That is a fight which we have been reading, watching and hearing since ages now. Fear can't get you anywhere, love will take you places. The film elevates all these emotions, which everyone goes through," Gandhi said. PTI

# English helps break barriers: Rahman

Oscar-winning music composer AR Rahman, who was in the news for his spirited responses on Hindi as the the link language between different linguistic groups, emphasised the importance of English at an event.

English, he said, is a global language and helps break barriers. He was speaking at an event which identifies emerging talent in English music.

When asked if he would like to come up with a similar talent sourcing and identification series in India's regional languages, the composer gave a categorical response. "The movie industry is doing great with music in Indian languages," he said. "This initiative is focused on making our artistes global so that they can compete for Grammys and be on international platforms." IANS

# Cannes unfurls blood-red carpet for gory films

## Horror genre is on the plate for the 75th edition of the festival that starts May 17

The Cannes Film Festival has a strong stomach.

Having handed its top prize, the Palme d'Or, to the blood-soaked "Titane" last year, there is more horror on the slate for the 75th edition that kicks off on May 17.

Among the most anticipated entries is the return of body-horror maestro David Cronenberg with "Crimes of the Future".

The new tale from the twisted genius behind "The Fly", "Crash" and "Videodrome" is set in a future world where people undergo disgusting surgical alterations for the sake of art and sexual pleasure, starring Lea Seydoux and Viggo Mortensen.

The festival's opening film is also an ode to the horror genre, though this time with a tongue firmly in its cheek -- "Final Cut" is a pastiche of zombie films from the makers of Oscar-winning silent movie "The Artist".

It is not a one-off. Cannes opened with another zombie comedy, Jim Jarmusch's "The Dead Don't Die", in 2019.

Such veneration for genre films is much less common in Hollywood. Only six horror films have ever been nominated for a best picture Oscar -- "The Exorcist", "Jaws", "The Silence of the Lambs", "The Sixth Sense", "Black Swan" and "Get Out". But festivals have been increasingly open to gore. "Film festivals like Cannes are renowned for exhibiting boundary-pushing cinema... and horror movies offer some of the most unique, inventive and challenging films," Kate Robertson, a New York-based expert on cinema, told AFP. That is certainly the case with "Men" from "Ex Machina" director Alex Garland and starring Jessie Buckley, which premieres in the Director's Fortnight section at Cannes next week.

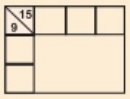
"Horror is not just about entertainment. It can allow us to experience and resolve emotions, offer catharsis, consider our relationships and even our place in the world," said Robertson. AFP

## SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

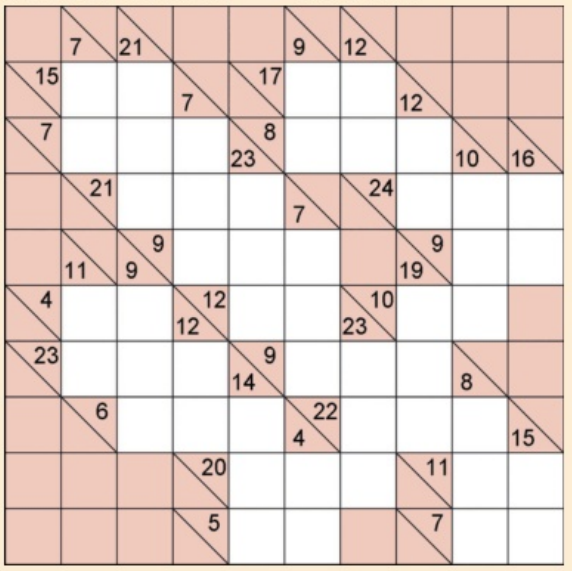
Reaching the place of meeting 20 minutes before 8:50 Sumit found himself thirty minutes earlier than the man who came 40 minutes late. What was the scheduled time of the meeting ?

## Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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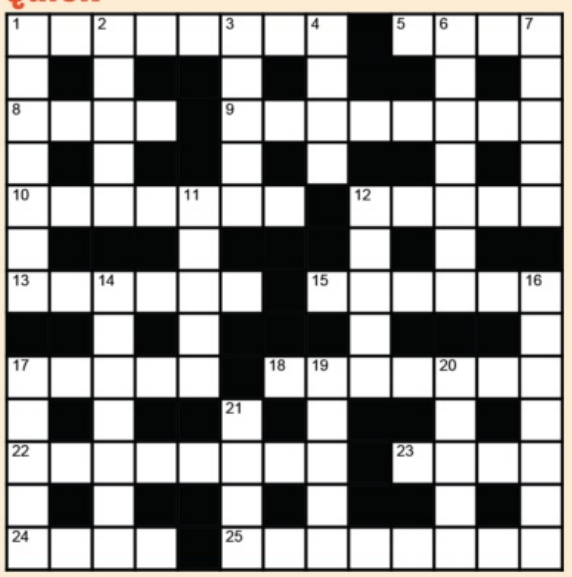


**ACROSS**

1 Shapes or forms, in a way (8)
5 Flying pest (4)
8 Sewing case (4)
9 Proof (8)
10 Rapture (7)
12 Additional (5)
13 Wretchedness (6)
15 Snoozed (6)
17 Earthy yellow (5)
18 Proved proposition (7)
22 A kinsman or a narration? (8)
23 Indian music form (4)
24 To venture (4)
25 Spaniards and Portuguese (8)

**DOWN**

1 Park in Bangalore's Central Business District (7)
2 Cranium (5)
3 West Indies magic (5)
4 Single cut (4)
6 Continuous or ceaseless (7)
7 Greek letter (5)
11 Eat to excess (5)
12 Day's march (5)
14 Student; learned person (7)
16 Humbles or belittles (7)
17 Had a row? (5)
19 Medieval guild–"as hen" anagram? (5)
20 Cowboy's rope, lasso (5)
21 Opera heroine (4)

## Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**Today's CLUE: B EQUALS G**
DYXS GJ Y DGNMES DTTQ WHTZ Y JCGDAGZB HEYAS.

## Linemaro

There seem to be a lot of phonies in this place. So tell me the truth, how many beauty contests have you won?

## Mindchow

A mistake is simply another way of doing things

## Joke of the day

On a T-shirt: My mind not only wanders, sometimes it leaves completely

## Loop

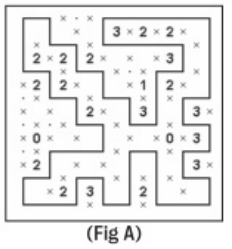
### Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

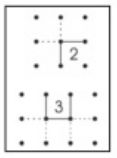
### How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

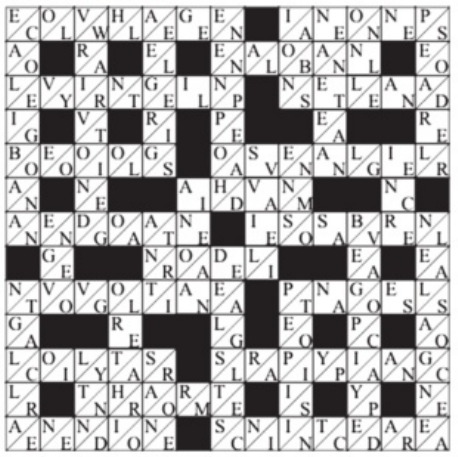


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

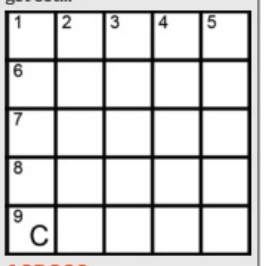
## Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

## Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



**ACROSS**

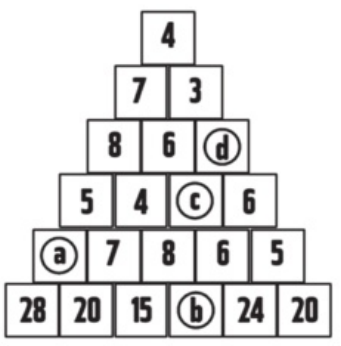
1 A prop; 6 Terne; 7 Spurt; 8 In die; 9 On Cut

**DOWN**

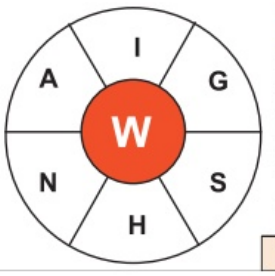
1 Tacit; 2 Nor up; 3 Drupe; 4 Ripen; 5 Stone

## Mensapuzzle

What are A, B, C and D?



## Bull's eye




How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

09 Average; 10 Good; 12 Outstanding

## SudokuChallenge

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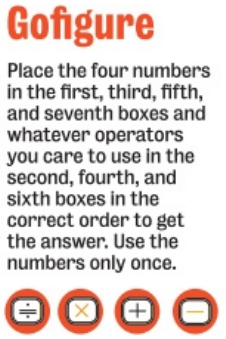
| 5 | | | 4 | 8 | 2 | | | 1 |
| 9 | | | | 4 | | | | 7 |
| | | 5 | 6 | | 8 | 9 | | |
| 2 | | | | 3 | | | | 6 |
| 7 | | | 8 | 1 | 9 | | | 4 |
| | | | | 5 | | | | |
| | 4 | | 2 | | 3 | | 9 | |

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

## Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

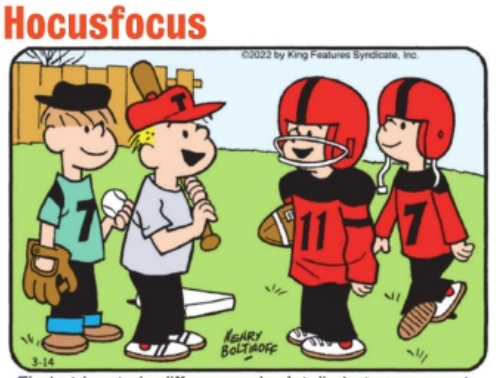


Easy = 10
3 4 4 7

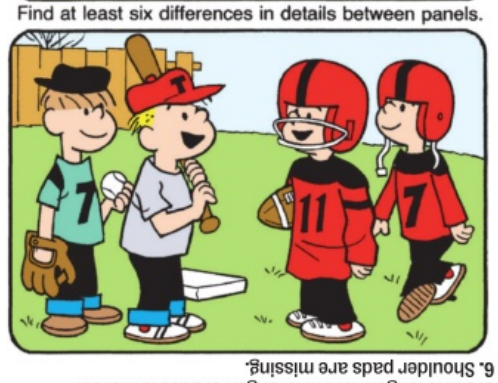
Medium = 24
3 3 8 9

Hard = 3
2 3 5 3

## Hocusfocus




Find at least six differences in details between panels.



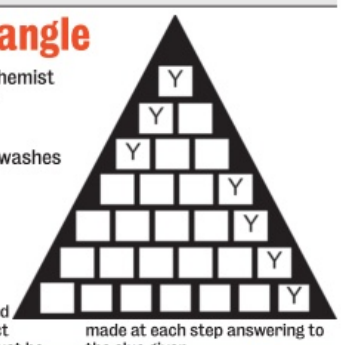
**Differences:** 1. Shirt is longer. 2. Cuffs are added to pants. 3. Bat is longer. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Base is moved. 6. Shoulder pads are missing.

## Riddler

What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat and 1/2 goat?

## Alpha triangle

1 Yttrium for the chemist
2 Loloish language
3 Yang's opposite
4 Very small
5 Like some mouthwashes
6 Hostility
7 Facility

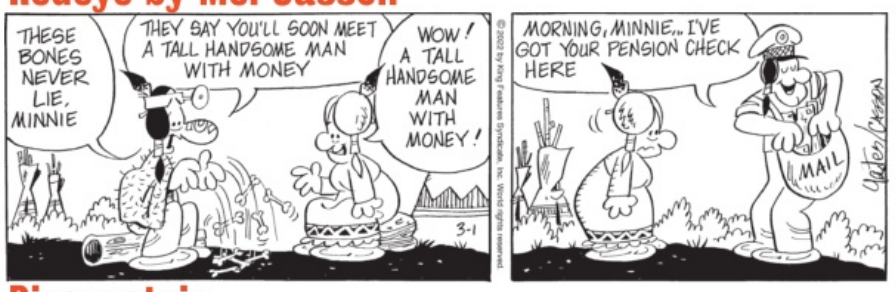


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

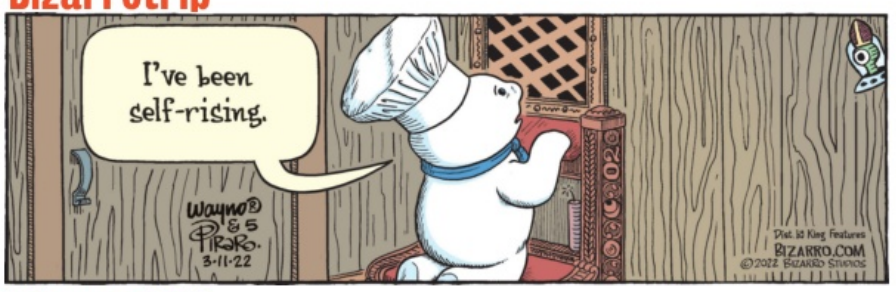
DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

# COMICS

## Redeye by Mel Casson


THESE BONES NEVER LIE, MINNIE
THEY SAY YOU'LL SOON MEET A TALL HANDSOME MAN WITH MONEY
WOW! A TALL HANDSOME MAN WITH MONEY!
MORNING, MINNIE... I'VE GOT YOUR PENSION CHECK HERE
MAIL

## Bizarrotrip




## Diamond Lil

## Hart of the city

HMM... WHAT'S MY TALENT...
HEY, YOU'RE PRETTY GOOD AT HAND-EYE COORDINATION! MAYBE YOU CAN SPIN FLAGS!
MY SISTER CELESTE IS IN COLOR GUARD IN HIGH SCHOOL. MAYBE SHE CAN TEACH YOU!
SHE'S PROPELLING OVER THE COMPETITION!
I CAN'T WAIT TO START!
HEART OF THE CITY © 2022 JACKIES HOWELL

## Crankshaft

I'LL GIVE MARY A CALL TO SEE IF THERE'S A CHANCE SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MAKE IT TO THE BOWLING LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TONIGHT!
ARE YOU SURE? I MEAN... LENA IS HERE IN HER OFFICE AND READY TO GO!
MARY ON HER DEATHBED IS A BETTER BOWLER THAN...
BATIUK & DAVIS
crankshaftcomic.com/books
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## Mutts

# WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

**Aries** Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be able to complete difficult tasks very easily. This may boost your confidence level. Your past investments may pay you good gains. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics, it may waste your precious time.

**Taurus** Apr 21 – May 20
Today will not be good. You may feel unhappy; you may be dissatisfied with your current situation. You are advised to be patient and not take any decision in a hurry. You are advised to take care of your parents.

**Gemini** May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may take decisions very fast, which may give benefits in day-to-day life. You may take some difficult decisions with the help of your colleagues; you are likely to attain success easily. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved. You may also expect some short trips.

**Cancer** Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you are advised to control your straightforwardness; your loose talking may affect people around you. You may spend your hard-earned money in buying some worthless stuff. Your mind is likely to work very fast; it is advised to make an important decision with patience.

**Leo** Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you will be blessed by the moon; last couple of days' disappointment may now convert into happiness. You may enjoy professional and personal life; your network may help you to complete your postponed projects. You are likely to start some new venture with the help of your siblings and your network may support you in every step.

**Virgo** Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you may be busy at work; your focus towards your goal may be tested many times. Your patience may help you achieve your goals on time. Your dedication for work may be tested many times; you are likely to get some rewards as a result of your hard work. You are likely to make investments in fixed assets also.

**Libra** Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, your destiny may help you to get success in an easy way. You are likely to visit some religious place for seeking peace of mind. You may spend your time in gaining intellectual or occult knowledge. Students may do better. Singles are likely to find good match. Lovebirds may take some important decision in terms of marriage.

**Scorpio** Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may be busy at work; with the help of your strong network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you to gain profits in past investments. You may enjoy your romantic moments with the spouse which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds may enjoy their happy moments.

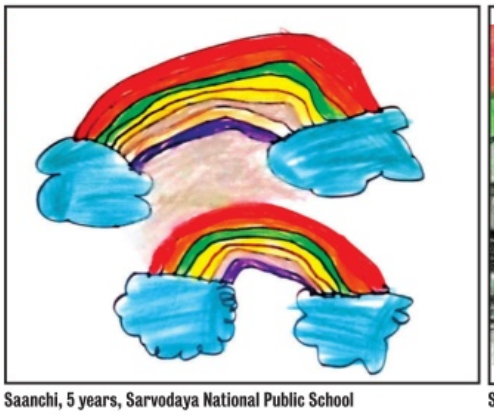
**Sagittarius** Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you will be blessed by moon, which may make you happy. Last week's crunch is now over. With the help of blessings, you may get reciprocation for your hard work. With the help of your subordinates, you may be able to initiate your postponed work. There are some gains in your business which may boost your finances.

**Capricorn** Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull; you may have some health issues. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in the business. Your gains are likely to convert into losses.

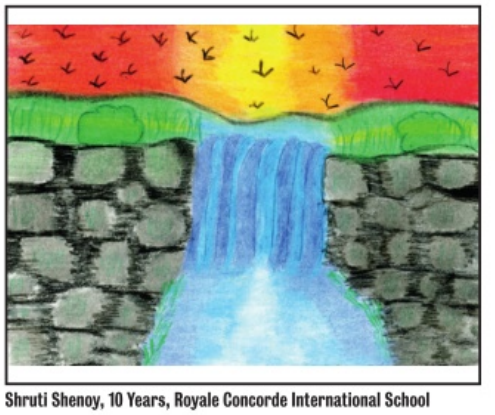
**Aquarius** Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you will be happy. You may feel peace at mind. Your focus towards your goals would be very good. You are likely to have a romantic moment with the spouse. Your bonding with your spouse may be stronger now. You will also be busy in other domestic issues.

**Pisces** Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may be more enthusiastic. Your performance at work may be good; it may boost your terms with seniors; you are likely to get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. In legal matters, you may hear good news. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control.

## KIDZONE



Saanchi, 5 years, Sarvodaya National Public School



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# SOLUTIONS

**SOLVE IN 1M**
Sumit arrived at 8:30
Late man arrived at
9 if 9 was 40
minutes late, the
meeting was
scheduled for 8:20

**BULL'S EYE**
awing, gnaw,
hawing, sawing,
swag, swath, swan,
swing, wash, wish
WASHING, wing,

**FAST FIVE**

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**RIDDLER** Chicago

**QUOTE UNCODE**
Fame is a fickle food
upon a shifting plate.

**STRIKE OUT**

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**MENSA PUZZLE**
A is 4; B is 20; C is 5; D is 2. Add the numbers from top to bottom diagonally to the left of the bottom line for the first three positions on the bottom line, and to the right for the next three positions.

**SUDOKU**

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| 8 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 9 |
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| 9 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 7 |
| 4 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 3 |
| 2 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 3 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 2 | 4 |
| 6 | 2 | 9 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 8 |
| 1 | 4 | 8 | 2 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 5 |

**ALPHA TRIANGLE**
Y, Yi, Yin, Tiny,
Minty, Enmity,
Amenity.

**GO FIGURE**
Easy
4 + 7 – 4 + 3 = 10
Medium
8 – 3 x 3 + 9 = 24
Hard
3 x 2 – 5 x 3 = 3

**LOOP**

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